

City of Newton – Recreation Commission

Minutes from April 9, 2013

Meeting was called to order by Recreation Chairman John Stiver

Members in attendance:

John Stiver, Marshall Pratt, Mickie Drum, Terri Abernethy, Bill Lutz, Sandra Waters and Carol Stiles.

A. Approval of Minutes

Commission member Marshall Pratt moved for the Commission to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, March 12th regular meeting, seconded by Commission member Mickie Drum, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

B. Commission members elected new officers for the 2013 – 2014 year; John Stiver was selected as Chairman and Terri Abernethy was selected Vice-Chairman.

C. Activities Report

The Assistant Director spoke to the group about girls volleyball 110 players registered this year, with 13 teams ranging in ages of 9 to 16; spring soccer league is growing, baseball registration is low in the older age groups. The 2013 football season will include teams from Maiden, Bunker Hill, St. Stephens, Alexander County and Mt. View. The Spring Fling Adult softball tournament was held April 6th at Jacob Fork Park (Taylorsville, Avery County, Hickory, Charlotte and Cherryville) participated in the tournament; Meet Me on the Diamond Softball Tournament will be held April 27th at Jacob Fork Park. The Director told the group that the woodland bike trail was being used by riders and walkers.

D. The Director said she had spoken to Wanda Hilton and Rachel Church of the Unifour Red Foxes a Seniors Basketball team. Looking at starting a 70 and over basketball league for seniors Friday and Saturday evenings.

E. The Director discussed the ADA rules for the pool lifts for disabled and handicapped swimmers.

F. Take-A-Kid Fishing Day

Josh Miller with Academy Sports is partnering with the City on Take-A-Kid Fishing Day providing prizes to participants.

G. OSHA Inspection

OSHA returned to review the violations that the department received 5 to 10 years back in the cemetery department – after the review from OSHA the Department is now in compliance.

H. Woodland Loop Trail Opens

The City of Newton, Catawba Valley Heritage Alliance and Lightning Cycles celebrated the opening of new Woodland Loop Trail at Jacob Fork Park with a ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday May 4th.

I. Eat Smart Move More

The Eat Smart Move More program was approved by the City Council, and Catawba County is paying for 1-mile and 2-mile walking trail signs.

J. Next meeting: July 9, 2013.

K. No meeting in May.